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ADDRESS

Of the Right Honourable the

Lords Spiritual & Temporal

In Parliament Assembled,

PRESENTED TO

HER MAJESTY

On *Friday* the Thirty first Day of *March*, 1704.

AND

Her Majesties

MOST GRACIOUS

ANSWER

THEREUNTO.

LONDON,
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Die Veneris 31 Martii, 1704.

IT *is Ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, That the Address of this House Presented to Her Majesty this Day, relating to* Scotland, *shall be forthwith Printed and Published.*

Math. Johnson,
Cler' Parliamentor'

The Humble ADDRESS

Of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal In PARLIAMENT Assembled.

Die Mercurii 29 *Martii*, 1704.

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, Humbly beg leave to Acquaint Your Majesty, That as soon as all the Papers Relating to the Conspiracy in *Scotland* were by Your Majesties Command laid before the House, according to our Duty, and with that Zeal which we have always shewn, where the Safety of Your Person, and the Security of Your People may be Concern'd; We applied our selves to Search into the Designs of Your Enemies, as well by a Careful Perusal and Consideration of the Papers, as by Appointing a Committee to Examin the Persons who had been taken into Custody upon Account of the Conspiracy, and others from whom it might be reasonably supposed any Light might be gained towards the Discovery; And the Committee having made their Report to the House, upon Mature Deliberation of the whole Matter, we came to this Unanimous Resolution:

"That it did appear to us, there has been a Dangerous "Conspiracy Carried on for the Raising a Rebellion in "*Scotland*, and Invading that Kingdom with a *French* "Power, in order to the Subverting of Your Majesties Go- "vernment both in *England* and *Scotland*, and the Bring- "ing in the Pretended Prince of *Wales*.

We do also Humbly take Leave to offer to Your Majesty as our Concurrent Opinion, That nothing has gi-

ven ſo much Encouragement to Your Enemies at Home and Abroad to enter into this Deteſtable Conſpiracy, as that after Your Majeſty, and the Heirs of Your Body, the immediate Succeſſion to the Crown of *Scotland* is not Declared to be in the Princeſs *Sophia*, and the Heirs of Her Body, being Proteſtants.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign;

We being fully Convinced of this Important Truth, moſt humbly Beſeech Your Majeſty, in regard to the Safety of Your Own Royal Perſon, the Quiet of Your Reign, and the preſent and future Happineſs and Peace of Your People, to uſe Your Royal Endeavours, by all ſuch Methods as Your Majeſty in Your Wiſdom ſhall Judge moſt Proper, to have the Succeſſion of the Crown of *Scotland* Declared to be Settled upon the Princeſs *Sophia*, and the Heirs of Her Body, being Proteſtants: And We do alſo humbly Beſeech Your Majeſty to take all other Meaſures, which may beſt and moſt effectually Conduce to the Diſappointing and Fruſtrating the Deſigns of Your Enemies, and of ſuch of Your Traiterous Subjects as are Engaged with them, in this Dangerous Conſpiracy againſt Your Majeſty for the utter Subverſion of Your Government. And we do moſt Heartily and Unanimouſly Aſſure Your Majeſty, That when Your Wiſe Endeavours for the Settling the Succeſſion in *Scotland* ſhall have taken the deſired Effect, We will do all in our Power to Promote an Entire and Compleat Union between the Two Kingdoms of *England* and *Scotland*, for their Mutual Security and Advantage.

Her MAJESTIES moſt Gracious Anſwer to the Addreſs.

My LORDS,

I Have ſome time ſince Declared My Intentions of Endeavouring the Settlement of the Proteſtant Succeſſion in Scotland, *to My Servants of that Kingdom, as the moſt Effectual Means for Securing their Quiet and Our Own, and the Readieſt Way to an Entire Union betwixt both Kingdoms, in the Perfecting of which it is very Deſirable no time ſhould be loſt.*

FINIS.